

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 7004  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate Joe and May Williams on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary.

WHEREAS, this General Assembly takes great pleasure in paying tribute to those successful marriages that have stood the test of time to serve as exemplars for present and future generations; and

WHEREAS, on February 4, 1956, Joe Hayden Williams and Mildred May Porter were joined in holy matrimony at the home of Brother Arnett Gregory in Sumner County, and since that fateful day, this outstanding couple has faced the world as one, basking in the glow of their love for each other during both life's joys and sorrows; and

WHEREAS, Mr. and Mrs. Williams have been highly respected citizens of their community for a number of years; they are the very epitome of good neighbors, as they always endeavor to treat others as they would like to be treated; and

WHEREAS, after serving his country in the United States Army for two years, Mr. Joe Williams served with acumen and alacrity as a valued employee of the Sumner County Co-op Creamery for twenty-three years, in which position he earned the respect of his peers and superiors alike for the exemplary quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, now retired, Mr. Williams spends his time running a lawn service, walking his dog, Gracie, and working in his famous backyard garden; and

WHEREAS, Mrs. Williams served at the Gary Company in Gallatin with great skill and distinction for twenty-three years; currently, she is completing her eleventh year at Guild Elementary School, where she is much loved by the students and affectionately known by everyone as "Nanny"; and

WHEREAS, a member of an Old Fashioned Missionary Baptist Church for over fifty years, May Porter is currently a member at Eastside Missionary Baptist Church in Gallatin; and

WHEREAS, this fine couple's praiseworthy marriage has produced three children, each of whom has excelled in his or her particular field of endeavor; the Williams's children are Danny Joe Williams, LaDonna Ann Johnson, and Steve Allen Williams; and

WHEREAS, the Williams are also the proud grandparents of: Brook and Whitney Williams, Chase and Chance Johnson, Joah Williams, and great-granddaughter, McKayla Williams; and

WHEREAS, for 50 years, this blessed union has grown and prospered as an expression of time-honored family values and selfless love; and

WHEREAS, marriages such as the Williams's are truly the rock-solid foundation upon which our society is built and a beacon of sanity and continuity in these turbulent times; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FOURTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Joe and May Williams on the celebration of their 50th wedding anniversary and extend to them our best wishes for much continued happiness in the years to come.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.